Commercial Exploitation of Forests

2019. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:-(a) whether the Government have any proposal to place a moratorium on commercial exploitation of forests in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The National Forest Policy 1983 does not provide for total ban on cutting of trees. However, it enjoins that no forest should be permitted to be worked without the Government having approved the Management plan and that derivation of direct economic benefit from the forests should be subordinated to the importance of forests for environmental stability and ecological balance.

Adventure Tourism in Orissa

2020. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have laid emphasis on the promotion of adventure tourism; and

(b) if so, the specific steps taken in this direction and particularly in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the Central Government has extended financial assistance to the government of Orissa for following schemes pertaining to adventure tourism:

(Rs. in lakhs)

1.	Water Sports Equipment for three centres.	15.44
2.	Forest lodge at Chandbali for Bhitarkanika.	14.96
3.	Fores lodge at Tikarpara	14.80
4.	Motor yacht for Bhitarkanika Wild Life Sanctuary.	4.30
5.	Mini-buses and elephants for Simlipal national Park.	4.04

Budhist Monuments

2021. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the world famous buddhist monuments like Ratnagiri, Lalitgiri and Udaygiri etc. have been neglected since decanes; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union

Government for the development of these monuments?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir, Buddhist monuments at Ratnagiri, Udaygiri and Lalitgiri are preserved and maintained as per archaeological norms. Excavations at Buddhist site Lalitgiri and Udaygiri have already been conducted and starts, building at Ratnagiri has been completed. At Lalitgiri the antiquities discovered during excavation have been housed in a building.

Popularisation of ayurvedic system of medicine

2022. SHRI KARIYA MUNDA:
SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:
SHRI P.M. SAYEED:
DR. C. SILVERA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:-(a) whether any meeting was held recently in Delhi for the popularisation of Ayurvedic system of medicine;

(b) if so, the recommendations made by it and the action proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) the number of Ayurvedic Colleges/ hospitals, State-wise;

(d) the amount of financial assistance granted to Ayuravedic colleges and hospitals during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(e) whether there of financial assistance granted to Ayurvedic colleges/hospitals in Orissa and Bihar; and

(f) if so, the locations thereof and the time by which these are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Discussions are often held for this purpose.frious suggestions have emerged during such discussions; improvement of infrastructure in Ayurvedic Colleges; promotion of postgraduate educatlon; production of herbs which are in short supply; quality control of drugs; strengthening of administrative set-up in Ministry etc. New schemes have been started for improvement in educational institutions and cultivation of herbs which are in short supply. Thrust is also given to quality control of drugs nd better career prospects to Ayurvedic physicians in Central Government.

(c) A statement I showing number of Ayurvedic Colleges/Hospitals (State-wise) as on 1. 4. 89 is attached (Annexuro-I).

(d) A statement II showing Grant-in-aid given to Ayurvedic colleges (including attached hospitals) during the last three years under the scheme of "Grants for Development of ISM&H Colleges" is also attached.

(e) & (f) There is no proposal under consideration of the Central Government to set up any Ayurvedic college or hospital in Orissa and Bihar.